



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
CITY OF CHICAGO

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Dear Matt Chapman:

This letter is in response to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received by the City of Chicago Department of Finance on July 1, 2019 seeking "A copy of all intergovernmental agreements."

As written, your FOIA request is unduly burdensome for the reasons explained below. However, the Department of Finance would like to assist you with narrowing your request. Please email me or contact me at the number listed below so we can discuss ways to reduce the request to manageable proportions.

The FOIA provides in 5 ILCS 140/3(g) that requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information.

I am requesting clarification as to what you are seeking when you use the phrase A copy of all intergovernmental agreements. Parameters that would assist the Department of Finance in conducting a search include: 1) a timeframe and 2) key words/topics. Without further clarification, a massive search would be required to look for documents. Thereby, as your FOIA request is currently written, the dedication of staff and/or resources is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of the Department of Finance

If you agree to narrow your request, please submit a revised written request to my attention.

In the event that we do not receive a narrowed request and your current FOIA request is therefore denied, you have a right of review by the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Counselor, who can be contacted at 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62706 or by telephone at (877) 299-FOIA. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

Sincerely,

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